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Memorandum

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To: Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Assurances Stakeholder Focus Group

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Re:

Continued Focus Group Contribution Through Ag WUE Steering Committee

Thank you for your memorandum and transmitted work products of January 6, 1998. Your collective work efforts have helped us make great strides in delineating the agricultural aspects of CALFED's Water Use Efficiency Program. Your willingness to work under a tight time frame and with a sometimes shifting directive is most appreciated.

I agree with your suggestion of creating a Steering Committee for continuing our ag water use efficiency program development. Your offer of retaining the Focus Group nucleus for this purpose is very generous, and your caution regarding adequate stakeholder representation is well placed.

To proceed with the development of an ag WUE Steering Committee, I suggest that you reconvene the Focus Group (including WUE Program Coordinator, Tom Gohring) and draft a recommendation for Steering Committee membership, tasks, and facilitation for the next 12 months. It would be extremely helpful if your plans can be vetted through each of your respective stakeholder groups. Your proposal will be given due and timely consideration by the CALFED Policy Group.

Thanks again for your efforts to date and your willingness to continue contributing.

cc Tom Gohring / CALFED Scott McCreary / CONCUR

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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